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OF THE

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

**Jefferson Davis County
Baptist Association**

HELD WITH THE

Bethany Baptist Church

October 15, 16, 17, 1914

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PROCEEDINGS.

Prentiss, Miss., October 15th, 1914.

The Jefferson Davis County Baptist Association met this day with Bethany Baptist Church, two miles southwest of Prentiss, Mississippi in its second annual session, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. N. A. Edmonds by reading part of the 19th chapter of Romans, prayers by Revs. R. Drummond and J. O. Buckley.

The Moderator called the Association to order and appointed N. C. Stamps, A. C. Berry and J. M. Fortenberry committee on Finance.

On motion J. P. Dear and C. R. Dale were appointed reading clerks of the associational letters.

The Moderator called for the Church letters, and the names of the messengers enrolled as follows, viz:

Antioch—R. H. Sinclair, Earl Toney, W. J. Barnes.

Bassfield—J. P. Dear, D. N. McLean.

Bethany—J. O. Buckley, N. C. Stamps, J. C. Burkett, Theodore Weathersby.

Carson—N. T. Nichols, J. W. McPhail and W. H. Izard.

Ebenezer—F. A. Hathorn, M. T. Allen, Turner Polk, S. T. Hood.

Hebron—R. Drummond, A. C. Berry, A. H. Dale, E.

H. Walker, A. C. Thurman, J. H. Johnston.

Hepzibah—Henry Fortenberry, Robert Daniel, B. S. Watts.

Oakgrove—J. M. Mikell, J. A. Bozeman Sr., G. S. Mikell.

Prentiss—J. E. Barnett, Leon Tyrone, J. T. Magee, C. R. Dale.

Phalti—I. M. Boothe, Burt Magee.

Society Hill—J. W. Stamps, J. M. Fortenberry, G. M. Buckley, N. S. Buckley.

Victory—R. H. Pearson.

Whitesand—D. W. Weathersby, W. S. Boyanton, C. V. Sutton, H. M. Coulter, R. B. Dale, J. M. Bridges.

Petitionary letters called for; none presented.

On motion, the rules were suspended and the present officers were elected by acclamation, viz:

A. H. Dale Moderator

J. W. Burrow Clerk

By request of the Moderator, Rev. P. I. Lipsey led in a special prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit during the session.

On motion further business of the Association was suspended to listen to the associational sermon. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. O. Buckley, using as a text the 30th verse of the 22nd chapter of Ezekiel, after which Rev. J. E. Barnett led in prayer.

By order of the Moderator the rules of the Association were read by the Clerk.

On motion, the following special order of business was adopted for this session:

Order of Business.

1. Call for Church letters, and enrollment of names of Messengers.
2. Organization.
3. Receiving Petitionary letters.
4. Arranging Correspondence.
5. Miscellaneous business.
6. Associational Sermon, 11 A. M.

Thursday Afternoon,

1. Devotional Exercises, 1 P. M. to 1:15.
2. Report on Publications, 1:15 to 2:30.
3. Report on Relationship of Church and Pastor, 2:00 to 2:45.
4. Report on Temperance, 2:45 to 3:35.
5. Report on Social Evils, 3:35 to 4:15.
6. Announcements and Adjournment.

Friday Morning.

1. Devotional Exercises, 9 to 9:15.
2. Reading minutes and miscellaneous business, 9:15 to 9:30.
3. Report on Woman's Work, 9:30 to 10.
4. Report on Missions, 10 to 11:45.
5. Miscellaneous business, 11:45 to 12.
6. Adjournment.

Friday Afternoon.

1. Orphanage, 1 to 1:45.
2. Report on Denominational Schools, 1:45 to 2:30.
3. Report on Ministerial Education, 2:30 to 3.
4. Report on Sustentation, 3 to 3:30.
5. Miscellaneous Business and Adjournment.

Saturday Morning.

1. Devotional Exercises, 9 to 9:15.
2. Report on Baptist Hospital, 9:15 to 9:45.
3. Report on Sunday Schools, 9:55 to 11.
4. Sermon.

Saturday Afternoon.

1. Report on Layman Work, 1 to 2:15.
2. Report on Apportionment.
3. Report on Finance.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Report on Nominations.
6. Reading Minutes.
7. Adjournment.

On motion the following committees were appointed:

On Religious Exercises—Brethren J. E. Barnett, C. R. Dale and Leon Tyrone, the Pastor and Deacons of this church.

On Nominations—C. V. Sutton, G. M. Buckley and I. M. Boothe.

On Apportionments—R. H. Sinclair, J. P. Dear, J. C. Burkett, W. H. Izard, F. A. Hathorn, J. H. Johnston, Henry Fortenberry, J. M. Mikell, Leon Tyrone, Burt Ma-

30. gee, J. M. Fortenberry, R. H. Pearson and W. S. Boyanton.

Received Correspondence as follows: Rev. P. I. Lippsey, representing the Baptist Record, W. E. Holcomb representing the B. Y. P. U., Zeno Wall representing the State Mission Board.

Messengers present from other associations as follows: Rev. N. A. Edmondson from the Lawrence County Association, G. U. Berry, from Strong River Association, and J. N. Bass from the Lawrence County Association.

On motion the following was adopted: Resolved that any member of this Association who is in good standing with his church, is hereby authorized to represent this Association in any and all of the fraternal bodies with which we correspond.

On motion adjourned until 1 o'clock P. M. Benediction by Rev. Zeno Wall.

Afternoon Session.

After song service, Rev. N. A. Edmonds led in prayer. The Association was announced in order for business.

On motion, the regular order of business was postponed for thirty minutes, and Brother W. E. Holcomb very interestingly discussed the organization and the work of the B. Y. P. U.

On motion, Leon Tyrone, R. B. Dale and J. P. Dear were appointed a committee to put on the blackboard the amount of cash given by each church, as reported in each associational letter, and read to this Association.

Brother J. O. Buckley read the report on Publications and was spoken to by C. R. Dale, Leon Tyrone, Zeno Wall and Dr. P. I. Lipsey. On motion was adopted as follows.

Rev. N. A. Edmonds read the report on Relationship of Church and Pastor. On motion was adopted as follows.

Brother J. P. Dear read the report on Temperance and was spoken to by Dr. P. I. Lipsey and N. A. Edmonds. On motion was adopted as follows.

On motion the partial report on Religious Exercises was adopted as follows: Brother P. I. Lipsey to conduct the devotional exercises at the Prentiss Baptist Church to-night from 7 to 7:15 P. M., and that Brother Zeno Wall preach from 7:15 to 8 P. M. and that Brother R. Drummond conduct the devotional exercises in this building tomorrow morning from 9 to 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DALE.

Publications.

We believe this subject is one of vast importance, and should receive more careful consideration at our hands, for the printed page is largely used to advocate, strengthen and maintain almost every cause in life, whether moral or immoral.

Therefore, we should be more careful as to the kind of literature that we allow to enter our homes, for in this progressive age almost every home is in reach of free delivery, and a great deal of unsolicited, unsound, impure and immoral literature finds its way to our homes, that

will enter largely into the shaping and moulding of the boys and girls if not supplied with good books, magazines and weeklies to counteract such influences.

The Bible is the book of all books, and too much importance cannot be placed upon the reading of the Bible.

Your committee believes the looseness and indifference, so manifest among the members of our churches is due largely to the fact that we do not know God's word.

Again your committee believes if every cause fostered by our denomination is to receive that loyal and hearty co-operation by our people, it is expedient for everyone to take and read, The Baptist Record, Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field, and The Orphanage Gem, such as read our State paper and the Journals, are liberal supporters to every cause fostered by our denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. BUCKLEY.

Relationship of Church and Pastor.

It does seem at times that there is not the relationship existing between Pastor and church as should be; for example there are so many changes made in the pastors moving from one field to another.

So often is the case that only one year or maybe two that the pastor has to move to another field. This is indeed one of the most important subjects that comes before a body of Baptist people to consider, for the reason that all of the work fostered by our denomination, if it is a success, depends upon the mutual relationship of pastor

and church. There should then be mutual love, friendship and confidence existing between pastor and church for without this the pastor cannot do good work; the church will not prosper as it should.

The pastors relation extends to every member of his church even to every individual of his community, also to every organization that tends toward the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

It is very important that the pastor be personally acquainted with every member of his church in order that he might do efficient work.

It is said that he should "feed the flock" then how can he do this unless he personally acquaints himself with every need?

There is no better way to become acquainted than to do pastoral work. There is a duty for every church member. They should encourage their pastor by being regular attendents at his services; by co-operating with him in every good work by being willing to follow his leadership; should pray for the success of the work under his charge and to give of their means to his support and to other objects fostered by the church because this is the christian duty.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. HUTCHINS.

Temperance.

When we as a christian people stop for a moment and think of the vast millions who are dying every year from

intemperance, we very readily see that we should be busy day and night trying to bring those lost souls away from the mouth of the cave that leads them to everlasting shame in this world, and carries their souls to an everlasting torture and punishment in the world to come.

There are many ways of being intemperate, in eating, in drinking and in many other ways of which we all very well know. But the key note to all the intemperate habits of mankind is summed up in the one word "Drinking," or taking the old devil himself into your poor body in a liquid form and thereby allowing him to be taken to all parts of the body by the blood. He then has hypnotized and uses you as he sees fit, to take the name of your Lord and Master in vain, to persecute the good will of your Lord and to send your own soul to eternal punishment in that lake that burns with fire and brimstone which is called by the good Master the second death.

As I have stated above there are millions going into eternity every year from being intemperate or drinking; poor infant children are being born into the world to suffer only a few days and then return to the dear God who gave them, men and women are taking their own lives, the courts are filled with divorce cases and a greater per cent of all the crimes committed are caused from strong drink.

It is the mortal enemy of peace and order, the despoiler of men and the terror of women, the cloud that shadows the faces of children, the demon that has dug more graves

and sent more souls unsaved to judgment than all the pestilences that have wasted life since God sent the plagues on Egypt and all the wars since Joshua stood before Jericho.

We will notice these figures for a moment and see what the use of alcohol is doing for our nation.

Statistics compiled by insurance companies show that the death rate for the population at large is 1000 deaths per year out of every 61215 of the population, and that the death rate of the total abstainers is 500 per year out of the same number, and for liquor deaths 1642 deaths per year out of the same number. These figures resulting from many millions of cases can be taken as accurate. They show that 440 deaths out of every 1000 deaths nearly one half the deaths that occur are due to alcohol applied to this country over 668,000 deaths per year in continental United States, or over 725,000 per year in the United States and its possessions; in other words, alcohol is killing our people at the rate of nearly 2,000 men per day in the year. Bob Ingersol writes the effect of intemperance in these words:

* "Intemperance cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength, old age in its weakness; it breaks the father's heart, bereaves the doting mother, extinguishes natural affection, erases conjugal love, blots out filial attachments, blights parental hope and brings down mourning age to the grave. It produces weakness, not strength; sickness, not health; death,

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"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

When we shall have laid down our lives in this world and our souls go to meet God in the air, shall we hear Him say depart you were not wise? May God come into the hearts of His people and help us to see the awfulness of intemperance and take His word as a sword and fight the battle against this awful sin stronger than ever before.

Respectfully,

JNO. R. JONES.

Brother D. M. Lee, messenger of the Lawrence County Association, was recognized and welcomed to a seat in our Association.

On motion adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closing prayer by Brother C. R. Dale.

Second Day--Morning Session.

The Devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. R. Drummond and Zeno Wall. Brother B. S. Watts led in prayer.

The Association was announced in order for business, and yesterday's journal read and corrected.

On motion, J. E. Barnett, R. Drummond and J. O. Buckley were appointed a committee to confer with the Baptist State Convention to arrange dates for the various Associations of our State.

Woman's Work.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Brother L. C. Burkett, and spoken to by him and Miss M. M. Lackey. On motion was adopted as follows:

The work of our women in the church has not been recognized only for the past few years. There was not even a space given in our associational minutes. Why was this? People had not fully recognized that the work God expected them to do was worth discussing or placing in the minutes. We find though today that their work in the church and its affairs is one of the leading factors in the church. Some may say what part are they to carry along in the churches? I will only mention a few of the many things they do for our churches. The ladies can much more easily find out the conditions and circumstances of the destitute homes of our towns and country than the men. They can do a service to the occupants of these homes that is next to impossible for a man to do; it is perfectly natural for the women as a whole to be more sympathetic toward that class of people than are the men. We dare say then that God wanted them to sit idly by and let the men do the work in our churches. You may trace God's word and works back to the very beginning of time and we find him putting emphasis on the women doing some work. They always find the piano or organ out of tune first; they find that the church needs new carpet or that the lights are poor first. What do they do? The first meeting after a thing of that nature is discovered the

matter is taken up in the society, and is soon adjusted. We see then that their work is of the very greatest importance to our churches. Why not boost them, and help them out all we can?

Respectfully,

L. C. BURKETT.

Missions.

Brother R. Drummond read the report on Missions, and was spoken to by Rev. Zeno Wall, J. R. Carter and N. A. Edmonds. On motion was adopted as follows:

Every mission has a purpose. The subject that we have under consideration has for its purpose the preaching of the gospel.

This has been first in the minds of some of the follower's of Christ ever since the day that He said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The interest has laged at times, and then new life or greater interest would take hold of the followers of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. And there have always been some who were willing to go, and bear the message of Salvation to the lost. This calls for givers to sustain the workers on the different fields.

Christ instructed His disciples to begin at Jerusalem, then to Judea, Samaria, and to all the world.

Our State Mission work should be of interest to us, and receive a liberal support. The work in the state has been laid out on a basis of \$42,000.00, besides a debt of

\$10,000.00, so we cannot count on anything less than \$50,000.00 to give a clear record at the State Convention.

The State Board has laid out the work for the year just closing as follows: Pastoral Support, \$25,000.00; Church Building, \$7,500.00; Sunday School and B. Y. P. U., \$3,500.00.

These are all important objects and must have attention if we come up to what the Lord would have us do.

This Association reported a fraction over 31 cents per member for State Missions last year, and a fraction over 80 cents per member for State, Home and Foreign Missions. The apportionment by the Association for the year just closing is a few dollars less than was paid for the year before. We need to set the mark high and strain to reach it.

Home Missions.

Dr. B. D. Gray made the 69th report to the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn., last May. I call attention to some comparisons made in that report. Receipts in 1904, \$127,850.56; receipts in 1914, \$397,589.12; baptisms in 1904, 8,017; baptisms in 1914, 30,861. Additions to the churches in 1904, 17,288; additions to the churches in 1914, 56,747. Receipts on all of these years, \$2,981,974.97; baptisms, 441,779. Then there was no church building loan fund, there is now \$95,476.28; as we view the work of the Home Board there is great reason for rejoicing in its accomplishments. But while we re-

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joice in what has been done, there is great need that we look to the future and plan for greater work.

One of the changes needed is, that our contributions, for this work as in all others, be made early in the year, or by weekly or monthly offerings. Dr. Gray says, "Of the \$397,589.12 received for current expenses \$258,600.24, came in during April, during the last week we received \$209,714.64, and \$171,592.74 on the last day.

The Home Board is doing a helpful work among the Indians and Negroes of the South. Of the Indians 6000 of them are members of the 65 Baptist churches established among them, 300 baptisms last year.

Foreign immigration to this country presents a problem to the Home Board that cannot be treated lightly, two-thirds of them are Roman Catholic, and in the mind of your committee the most dangerous class with which we have to deal. For the six years ending June 30, 1913, the average yearly addition to our population through immigration was 617000. With the closing of the war in Europe and the advantage of the Panama canal the tide of immigration will likely rise higher than ever before; Cuba reports a prosperous year, 186 baptisms for the year. Over \$4,500 contributed for all purposes during the year. The workers in Cuba sustained their first loss by death in March of this year, in the person of Bro. F. A. Gentry of Texas.

Foreign Missions.

The Foreign Missions report to the Southern Baptist

Convention begins with a joyous note of praise and thanksgiving for the success of its work during the past year. The foreign board is doing work in China, Africa, Japan, Italy, Mexico, Brazil, and Argentina, reporting 380 churches with 43 self-sustaining, and 5252 baptisms for the past year, receipts for current expenses of the work \$587,458.97.

This is an advance of \$44,000.00 over the receipts of the previous year. But more than \$59,000.00 less than the apportionment, and left the Foreign Board \$68,000.00 in debt.

The north China mission lost one of her active missionaries the last of June of this year, Bro. J. C. Daniel was drowned trying to cross a swollen stream. While the Lord is taking some away, He is calling others to the work, and our hearts should rejoice that He has called one of our own number in the person of Miss Sophie Sutton to the Foreign work. This should make it easy for us to give both cheerfully and liberally to this great work.

Respectfully,

R. DRUMMOND.

Rev. Zeno Wall, representing our State Mission Board, was given twenty minutes to discuss and explain the necessity of an enlistment campaign.

On motion, R. Drummond, J. E. Barnett, J.O. Buckley, J. C. Burkett, J. P. Dear, W. J. Barnes, R. H. Pearson, E. H. Walker, C. V. Sutton, C. R. Dale, Burt Magee, G. M. Buckley, B. S. Watts, J. O. Sutton, J. W. McPhail, and Larkin Thompson were appointed as a committee to

arrange a program for the campaign of an enlistment for the coming associational year.

On motion, adjourned until one o'clock P. M. Benediction by Rev. J. R. Carter.

Second Day--Afternoon Session.

After song service, Bro. D. M. Lee led in prayer.

The Association was called to order.

Brother W. H. Smith, colored messenger, from the Colored Baptist Association of Jefferson Davis County was invited to discuss and explain his way of teaching the colored people, and the progress which they hoped to make in the future.

Social Evils.

Bro. Leon Tyrone read the report on Social Evils, and was spoken to by him, Zeno Wall, R. Drummond, R. B. Dale, and C. V. Sutton.

On motion was adopted as follows:

This is a new subject in our Association, and your committee is not certain what was intended, but we find that social evils crept into the human family very early and caused almost its total destruction; then, we find the early history of the Jews beset with unnamable evils that wrecked Sodom and Gomorrow; then, we find here and there in the New Testament warnings to the early churches, asking God's children to refrain from evils that destroy the Christian life.

We are very much interested in the great war that is

going on in Europe, thinking of which nation will be destroyed, but may we suggest that fewer nations have gone to wreck on the rock of war than on the social evils that creep into and gnaw away at the vital of a nation. Was it wars that destroyed ancient Greece, when it was the pride of every Spartan wife that she might be the mother of the most, the strongest and the bravest sons? Then it was that the world bent her knee to this little nation of pure life people. Was it war lords that destroyed magnificent Rome? Nothing could stand against that proud country—about as large as the State of Mississippi—as long as her sons were expected to be as pure as her daughters. It was when Rome had peasants at one end of the line and aristocracy at the other, both lusty in revelry, that the Huns and Vandals blotted out her national existence.

What brought the Catholic Church to shame and disgrace during the Middle Ages and brought about the Protestant Reformation? Was it not the social crimes that were committed in the name of our Lord?

Your committee would not presume upon the like of your information, when we say to you that one of the reasons that Germany is out classing France to-day, is, one nation has been all of these years teaching her people economy, thriftiness, energy, practical and theoretical education, and the best of all clean lives; while the other nation seems, as a nation, to have lost herself in the whirl

of frivolity and levity, and allowing her social disgraces to be a cancer, ever eating away at the life of the nation.

Then may we come nearer, and may we say to you that it takes more money, more officers, and more energy to protect the innocent, restrain the vicious, and isolate the places of vice and disgrace in our own great and small cities than it takes to finance and man our national army and navy; and yet, living as we do in a country where there is a Baptist Church for every 30 sections of land, where scores of our young men never saw a saloon, where there is not a restricted district, where the old time dance is gone and where the new idea of the modern ball is not known, scarcely, where drunkenness and blind tigers are scarcer each year, where gambling has been monopolized by worthless negroes and trashy white folks, where tramps and loafers get a cold reception, where cigaret fiends are wondering, "Why we are not wanted," where there is a growing tendency in every family and every community to require and demand that the young men be as clean in their habits and life as their sisters.

But allow your committee to suggest that while we are only partially vulnerable to the social evils just enumerated, that we believe there is one evil, that is growing, that needs a rebuke. Yet, our cowardice makes us afraid to stamp it with public disapproval. We refer to modern dress; but it is claimed that we are not cursed with this like of modesty, very little we grant, but the storm that used to originate in Paris, now New York, is headed this

way, sweeping virtue and womanhood into degradation. We refer not so much to modern dress, as to like of enough dress.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON TYRONE.

Orphanage.

Brother Clyde Applewhite read the report on Orphanage, and was spoken to by him, C. R. Dale, J. C. Carter. On motion was adopted with a cash offering of the amount of \$43.50.

The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, (our home for homeless children,) located at Jackson, was established seventeen years ago. The object of this home, is to provide food, clothing, shelter and training for the unfortunate orphan children who have neither parents nor other relatives to care for them. Since its establishment, more than seven hundred children have been cared for, for a longer or shorter time. Many of them have grown up in the home and have gone out into the world to take their places in society, most of them fulfilling useful missions in the world. We have now in the home two hundred forty children. We believe Orphanage work to be clearly the work of Christ, and our home at Jackson certainly has the stamp of His divine approval; and, much has been accomplished by the united efforts of our people.

This year has been a hard one with our home. Early in the spring two children coming into the home, brought

the measles, which spread throughout the home. There were about one hundred seventy five cases in the home, one hundred thirty in the bed at one time. But through the skillful doctoring and nursing, and blessings of our Heavenly Father, there was only one death.

Owing to the burning of the school house last year, the board, at an April meeting, ordered the erection of a brick school house, that would accomodate 300 children.

This building is now ready for use. Much of the work on the house was done by the Superintendent and children to reduce cost, but with that we had to borrow \$4500.

This money must be replaced. If all our churches will come to the help of the orphanage, this indebtedness can be easily met. We would recommend that all our Sunday Schools would adopt the plan of giving one collection per month to the Orphanage. \$5.00 per month will support an orphan. We would also recommend that each church in the Association make an effort to secure contribution from each member during the month of November as a Thank offering. This may be accomplished by the Church through the Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., W. M. U. and L. A. S. We learn with sorrow that our Superintendent has had to borrow money to buy bread for our orphan children. This ought not to be, and we trust that our people will be more liberal in the support of the Orphanage.

Let our churches, besides cash, send boxes of clothing, good second hand clothing accepted, canned goods, groceries, of all kinds, syrup, shoes, stockings (mostly large

ones), and any other thing that can be used in providing for our children.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. CARTER.

Denominational Schools.

Brother C. R. Dale read the report on Denominational Schools, and was spoken to by him, N. A. Edmonds and J. R. Carter.

On motion was adopted as follows:

The greatest possessions of Mississippi Baptists today, are their denominational schools, viz: Mississippi College located at Clinton, Clark Memorial College located at Newton and the Mississippi Woman's College located at Hattiesburg.

In addition to these, there are three other schools that are practically ours, viz: Hillman College located at Clinton, Blue Mountain College located at Blue Mountain and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary located at Louisville, Ky.

I presume that no one will question this statement, that these schools are our greatest factors in helping to implant, and to establish, the principals and practices of our Savior while here upon earth; all of which have been endorsed by, and some of which are peculiar only to the Baptist denomination.

At no time in the history of our denomination have our Baptist people been more interested in, and more outspoken-

en upon the fact, that no education is now complete unless it is a christian education.

In these denominational schools our boys and girls while receiving their literary training, are also trained and developed in christian zeal and in denominational work.

This can be said only of our denominational schools. It is a fact beyond any doubt, that many of our boys and girls who attend our State institutions come home with an utter indifference towards such things, and with a manifest dislike for all such work.

This is easily understood when we remember that at our denominational schools, the influence of the entire faculty toward the student body, is largely and intensely spiritual.

These denominational schools should and do stand as our ideal of christian education.

By them are we judged and by them is the influence of the Baptist denomination strengthened.

Through our denominational schools this christain influence is being spread through out all the earth.

There is hardly a country where their sons and daughters have not gone.

If there is a demand by the commercial world today for one class of boys and girls above another, it is for those who have received a christain education.

Their achievements in the past have been marvelous and in the future they must be and will be even greater still.

Our Baptist people have come to an era where educa-

tion counts for more and more. We stand for an education today, that not only knows things, but for one that knows how to do things.

We want trained hearts, trained minds, and trained hands.

Our churches need them, our association needs them, our State needs them, and the world needs them. From these denominational schools above all others, the Baptists of Mississippi must look for leadership, and the character of this leadership depends on the education of the leader, and the education of the leaders depend largely upon the religious influences that were brought to bear upon them while they were going through school.

Your committee believes that in christian education, lies the cure for many, if not all our evils, both as to church and State.

While these denominational schools are a most potent factor in the denominational life, they are also equally as potent in the development of effective citizenship.

These two ideas, viz: Denominational life and effective citizenship may be linked together in the consideration and in the discussion of this subject.

The moral and the religious atmosphere of the denominational school that surrounds the student during the formative period of life, when they are most susceptible to influences from without, are among the strongest and most vital factors in all kinds of character building.

If your committee were to undertake in this report,

to give some of the advantages our denominational schools have over state institutions, the first one to suggest itself would be the fact, that our denominational schools are as a rule, smaller in number, both as to faculty and students, and this is one of their strong points.

Here personal attention can be given to the individual student. Classes are smaller, hence the individual student is not lost sight of in the masses. Our denominational schools stand for personalities rather than for numbers. The elbow touch, so to speak, of the faculty with the entire student body, is a very wholesome experience in the development of their spiritual lives for future usefulness.

This direct contact with the teachers in our denominational schools who as a rule are men and women of education and culture, and who are loyal not only to their profession but to their denomination as well.

This is an advantage not to be had by the student body of our state institutions; because of the overflowing number that are in attendance upon our state schools.

The personal touch of a christian teacher, such as are found in our denominational schools, is calculated to inspire a boy or girl far beyond anything that may be found in the text books.

While it is worth while to give out information, it is worth infinitely more to plant an ideal.

The usefulness of a large percent of our christian men and women today, is due largely to the inspiration received from association with the faculty of their denominational

schools.

The splendid personalities, that have gone out from Mississippi College, for instance, are scattered far and wide and have become towers of force and pillars of strength not only in the service of God through our denominational life, but in the service of our country as well.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DALE.

Ministerial Education.

Brother J. O. Sutton read the report on Ministerial Education, and was discussed by Bro. J. R. Carter.

Pending the adoption of this report, the following churches pledged to pay the following amounts for the coming associational year:

Anticoh	\$5.00
Bassfield	\$5.00
Bethany	\$5.00
Carson	\$5.00
Ebenezer	\$5.00
Hebron	\$10.00
Hepzibah	\$5.00
Oakgrove	\$5.00
Prentiss	\$10.00
Society Hill	\$5.00
Whitesand	\$5.00

On motion was adopted as follows:

Your committee feels that under the present environments that there cannot be too much stress placed upon

this branch of church work. There has never been a time in the history of the world when an educated ministry was more needed than at the present time, and the means of acquiring it so completely within the reach of all classes as at this time.

When we speak of ministerial education our minds go back to Mississippi College, a college where young preachers can obtain an education cheaper and easier than ever before. Your committee would suggest that every church in the State of Mississippi and especially this Association do what they can to help the worthy young preachers. We read in God's word that Jesus our Master was about three years in preparing and teaching his disciples to go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Ghost.

It is true that it takes spirituality and education to make the word of God plain. The word must be put in the simplest form to have the best effect. Therefore, we would urge every worthy young preacher to obtain an education if it is in his power to do so, if he has not the means of his own, then the churches should come to his relief, but we would suggest that the churches be very careful and much in prayer in order to have a very successful ministry, a call from the Master is essential beyond any controversy and right here we fear the churches have made mistakes.

Your committee believes that every one that applies for license to preach should first be tested as to gift in

preaching by actual service before the church and no applicant be recommended to the board for help unless they give unmistakable promise of usefulness.

All who receive the approval of the church should educate themselves if in their power, if not, your committee would recommend a contribution from the Association, that our work may be well pleasing in the sight of our Master.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. SUTTON.

Religious Exercises.

Your Committee on religious exercises would make partial report as follows: Preaching tonight at the Baptist Church in Prentiss at 7 P. M., by Bro. N. A. Edmonds, and that the devotional exercises be conducted in this building tomorrow morning by Bro. J. H. Fortenberry, and the Sermon at eleven o'clock here tomorrow be preached by J. E. Barnett.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DALE.

On motion, adjourned until tomorrow morning until 9 o'clock. Benediction by J. O. Buckley.

Saturday Morning--Third day Session.

The Devotional exercises were conducted by Brother J. H. Fortenberry and Rev J. E. Barnett led in prayer.

The Association was announced for business.

Sunday Schools.

Brother N. C. Stamps read the report on Sunday Schools, and was spoken to by him, J. H. Johnston and C. R. Dale. On motion was adopted as follows:

Schools of all kinds are very important, but I know of none more important to our people in this day and time than the Sunday Schools, and yet so few take an active interest in such work, comparatively speaking. It is now 133 years since the establishment of the first Sunday school in Gloucester, England by Robt. Raikes.

The wonderful growth of these schools from that time until this, proves their value.

The original idea that the Sunday school should be maintained for children only has long been exploded, and now every live church has its adult Bible class, where all may become more familiar with that wonderful storehouse of good things. The Bible even as a book on literature, has no equal on earth.

The Bible as a basis for all Sunday school work is given out in the simplest forms by the Sunday school Board at Nashville. This literature should be given the carefullest study by the officers, and teachers in order that the right principles might be taught, the young boys and girls while they are forming habits for life, so that the habits of these might be proper ones to develop into strong concentrated christian workers in the Lord's services.

There are yet churches and communities that have no Sunday school. This is no doubt due to the lack of inter-

est and indifference on the part of the christian people in those communities. For the church or the community that has no Sunday school, it is only the greatest pity, for nothing is surer than that "failure" is staring these in the face so far as advancement of the Master's Kingdom is concerned. If we would put as much thought and interest in our Sunday schools as we do in politics, commercial life, self interest and the European war, Jefferson Davis County Sunday schools would blossom as a rose in good things for Christ's kingdom, and the children would rise and call us blessed later in life, remembering: "For only the Master shall praise us, and only the Master shall blame. No one shall work for money, no one shall work for fame. But all for the joy of working, all in his separate star. Shall paint the things as he sees them. For the God of things as they are."

This is our Lord's business, and it is his will that every one shall have a part in the advancement of His kingdom. I am fully persuaded that if we will be faithful, do our dead level best and trust Him, He will pour out blessings upon us of which we have never dreamed.

Your Committee does now urge upon the people of the communities where there is no Sunday schools to become thoroughly aroused to their sense of duty, and begin to train the young people for life, and for service in the Master's Kingdom. Our motto; Every pupil a christian, every christian a worker and every worker trained. Help somebody today and God will help you. For Sunday

school literature call on the Sunday school board at Nashville, Tenn. For Sunday school literature or B. Y. P. U. work Bro. Holcomb is ready to render any information along this line, and for any other information call on Bro. J. E. Byrd, State Secretary of our Sunday School Board.

Respectfully submitted,

N. C. STAMPS.

Sustentation.

Brother J. H. Johnston read the report on sustentation and was spoken to by him and J. E. Barnett. On motion was adopted as follows:

Our Ministerial relief referred to is for the old worn out preachers. We are assisting 19 preachers, nine widows of old preachers, last year we received \$2000.00 for the support, this will make about \$7.00 per month for each one, that is a very small sum for one to live on.

They cannot live on \$7.00 per month as they should, we insist on all the churches in this Association to remember those old worn out preachers, and widows of old preachers. They have spent their best days preaching under many difficulties and without much pay.

We ask all the pastors of all the churches in this Association to urge the churches to make a cheerful contribution this fall and winter, not later than December as they will need help this winter.

Brethren let us keep this on our minds and hearts, make a good contribution for these old worn out preachers

as they have worn their lives out in trying to lead people to Christ without much pay.

Respectfully,

J. H. JOHNSTON.

Baptist Hospital.

Rev. J. E. Barnett read the report on the Baptist Hospital, on motion was adopted as read.

When our Savior was on earth He "went about all Galilee teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases among them."

Jesus was then a teacher, a preacher, and a healer.

For many years we as Baptists of the south have been asleep as to our opportunities and responsibility in the matter of world evangelization.

In our effort to enthrone Jesus over the world and over the life of the world we have been overlooking almost entirely until the past few years, the healing works of our Lord. It is hard to understand how regenerated people could have read their Bibles and failed to see their duty or how we could have looked out on the world and failed to hear the call of the perishing millions.

The modern missionary awakening is happy for God's children and happy for the lost world. But our God's command that we go into all the world and preach the gospel is no more imperative than is His command that we administer to the needs of suffering humanity and it is utterly impossible for us to neglect the latter and do

the former as we should.

We hail, with joy, the awakening of our people to hospital work. In the few years that have passed since we came into possession of a hospital located in our capital city we have done a work of which we need not be ashamed.

To our sorrow, our building has been too small to accommodate all who wish to come and we have had to turn away many who have knocked at our door, and asked that we take them in that they may be healed.

We rejoice over the fact that our large new building in Jackson, is almost complete and we trust that within the coming year we shall be able to open our doors to all who come to us, and in a larger way continue our work of administering to the suffering in the name and spirit of Him who had compassion on the multitude and spent so much of His time in delivering men from their physical suffering.

Your Committee would urge that every church contribute to our hospital as regularly and as systematically as to the Orphanage or to any other cause, for God says: "As ye have done it unto the least one of these ye have done it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. BARNETT.

Laymen Work.

By request of the Moderator, C. R. Dale occupied the chair, and Bro. A. H. Dale read the report on Laymen

Work, and was discussed by him, C. V. Sutton and C. R. Dale. On motion was adopted as follows:

The work that has been done in our state under the auspices of the Laymen's Missionary Movement during the past year has been much of the same as that of previous years. A large amount of literature has been distributed by our State Committee and by the Committee in the different Associations.

During last February there was held in the city of Jackson under the auspices of the Laymen's Committee of the Baptist State Convention a great convention of both laymen and pastors. There were present at this meeting a large number of brethren from all parts of the state and a number from other states. The program of this convention was splendid and it is believed that great good was accomplished. It urged upon those present and upon our people generally deeper consecration, more knowledge of our great mission causes a better system of church finances, larger giving with tithing as the minimum and more interest on the part of laymen in our denominational gatherings in the work generally. At this meeting it was the general opinion of those present that we should have another such convention during the coming winter. The Committee to which this matter was referred met in Jackson on August 25th, and decided to hold a similar convention February 9th, 10th and 11th, 1915. A special committee was appointed to arrange a program and select a place for the meeting of the convention. We trust that

the interest manifested in the coming convention will be even greater than was manifested in the one held last February, and that it will be a greater power for usefulness in the work of our Master throughout the state and throughout the world.

Perhaps the greatest need in all our work is the enlistment and the development of our unlisted and undeveloped laymen, the inactive men in our churches who have great possibilities, but have not realized them, who have great opportunities for service but have not taken advantage of them. Our pastors have been dealing with the situation faithfully and have accomplished a great deal, but we need this united effort to help them in this great undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. DALE.

Apportionments.

We your Committee on apportionments, urge the churches to raise, if possible, the following amounts for cause of missions during the next Associational year, viz:

Antioch	\$75.00
Bethany	\$100.00
Bassfield	\$200.00
Carson	\$30.00
Ebenezer	\$40.00
Hebron	\$300.00
Oakgrove	\$40.00

Hepzibah	\$65.00
Prentiss	\$550.00
Phalti	\$50.00
Society Hill	\$65.00
Victory	\$30.00
Whitesand	\$130.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. DEAR, Chairman Committee.

On motion adjourned until 1 o'clock P. M.

Rev. J. E. Barnett preached at 11 o'clock, using for a text the 9th verse of the 7th Chapter of 2nd Kings.

Third Day---Afternoon Session.

After song service, Brother J. M. Polk led in prayer. The Association was announced in order.

The report on Finance was read by J. M. Fortenberry, and on motion was adopted as follows:

We your committee on finance, beg to submit the following report: We have received from the churches composing this Association for the purposes for which it was given as follows:

Associational purposes	\$50.69
State Missions	\$110.95
Orphanage	\$43.50
Total	\$205.14

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. FORTENBERRY,

A. C. BERRY,

N. C. STAMPS.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report was received, and on motion was adopted as follows:

To the Jefferson Davis County Baptist Association:

This is my report, as made showing the condition of the Treasury of said Association, this 17th day of Oct., 1914.

	Credits.
Balance at the beginning of the associational year, 1913 in Oct.	\$ 4.57
Received from the Finance Committee at the Associational Gathering at Bassfield in Oct. 1913—from said Committee	\$ 10.20
Received from Finance Committee at Bassfield in 1913	\$ 69.50
" " " " "	<u>\$253.85</u>
Received from J. W. Burrow in Oct. 1913	\$ 1.00
Received from J. P. Dear in Oct. 1913	\$ 17.20
Received from the Ladies Aid Society White Sand	\$ 5.00
Received from R. B. Dale, White Sand	\$ 5.00
The following received for delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: From Hebron	\$ 3.50
From White Sand	\$ 2.55
From Bethany	\$ 3.50
From Prentiss	\$ 5.00
From Phalti	\$ 2.00
Total	<u>\$382.87</u>
Disbursed:	
To Baptist Orphanage	\$ 96.70
To Baptist Record for 200 copies Minutes	\$ 17.25
To J. B. Lawrence for Missions from Association	\$192.37
To J. W. Burrow for services, Clerk	\$ 25.00
To Beard Music House for Bill Minutes	\$ 40.60
To J. O. Duckley for passage to Southern Baptist Convention	\$ 20.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$391.92</u>
Rec'd from Finance Com. of the Association Oct. 17th 1914	\$204.24
" " " " " " " 18th "	\$ 1.50
Balance in the Treasury	\$196.69
This Oct. 17th 1914.	

LEON TYRONE,
Treasurer.

Nominations.

The report on Nominations was read by Bro. G. M. Buckley. On motion was amended, and adopted as amended.

We your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to make the following report:

That Rev. R. Drummond be our messenger to the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention, J. O. Buckley alternate.

We recommend that the churches make a contribution to defray the expenses of the messenger to the convention, to be sent to the Treasurer of this Association not later than April 1st 1915.

We also recommend that the following brethren write reports on the following subjects to be read at the next session of this Association:

Missions	J. E. Barnett
Denominational Schools	W. W. Dale
Publications	C. R. Dale
Orphanage	J. M. Polk
Ministerial Education	J. P. Dear
Church Discipline	B. S. Watts
Sustentation	J. H. Johnston
Temperance	J. O. Buckley
Womans Work	Mrs. Leon Tyrone
Laymens Work	Leon Tyrone
Hospital	H. D. Boothe

We recommend that Rev. J. E. Barnett preach the Associational Sermon, Rev. R. Drummond as alternate.

We also recommend Leon Tyrone, C. R. Dale and N. C. Stamps a committee for the Laymen's Missionary movement:

Your committee recommends that the next Association meet with Phalti Baptist Church on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1915, at 10 o'clock A. M.

G. M. BUCKLEY,
C. V. SUTTON,
I. M. BOOTHE.

JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES	Kind of Literature	Sunday School Superintendent	Post Office	Secretaries	Post Office	
					Prentiss	Miss Bettie Berry Miss Eva Toney
PRENTISS	1 14 168	\$129 17	S B C Series	LEON TYRONE	Prentiss	Miss Bettie Berry Miss Eva Toney
ANTIOCH	1 5 55	4 90	S B C Series	J. H. BULLOCH	Prentiss	Prentiss
PHALTI	1 4 50	5 00	Union	H. D. BOOTHE	Mt. Olive	
OAK GROVE	1 4 64	6 72	S B C Series	J. O. SUTTON	Silver Creek	
HEPBIBAH	1 4 98	6 80	S B C Series	B. S. WATTS	Arm	Silver Creek
HEBRON	2 10 118	11 00	S B C Series	S. L. WALKER	New Hebron	Oakvale
EBENEZER	1 4 69	10 86	S B C Series	S. T. HOOD	Columbia	New Hebron
CARSON	1 4 50	18 00	S B C Series	J. W. MCPHAIL	Carson	Colombia
BASSFIELD	1 6 90	21 66	S B C Series	J. P. DEAR	Bassfield	Carson
BETHANY	2 8 83	11 37	S B C Series	N. C. STAMPS	Miss Bessie Hathorn	Bassfield
SOCIETY HILL	1 5 96	7 39	S B C Series	WEB LANGSTON	Miss Mary Harvey	Bassfield
VICTORY	1 4 91	13 00	S B C Series	B. F. JORDAN	D. D. Fortenberry	Bassfield
WHITE SAND	1 4 70	13 00	S B C Series	C. V. SUTTON	Alonzo Warren	New Hebron
					J. L. Nelson	

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Value Church Property											
PRENTISS	95 00	157 60	1 00	155 14	271 28	135 90	130 00	129 10	187 66	606 50	675 00	8000 00
ANTIOCH	2 00	28 75	28 00	10 00	24 25	27 25	17 80	21 40	4 90	40 65	11 50	200 00
OAK GROVE	\$5 00	3 45	9 82	26 27	15 30	.....	.....	6 72	.....	.....	.....	250 00
PHALTI	12 50	2 76	27 00	6 75	12 75	.....	5 00	20 00	5 00	20 00	.....	875 00
HEPBURN	10 00	18 00	30 00	5 00	11 30	7 21	11 11	11 11	6 80	25 45	.....	150 00
EBENEZER	60	5 00	30 00	5 00	10 81	16 80	17 15	17 15	11 00	33 50	10 00	9 25
CARSON	5 00	6 00	15 00	38 50	5 00	8 50	62 30	38 20	63 50	21 65	51 60	30 30
BASSFIELD	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	18 35	18 00	48 50	48 50	11 37	51 10	77 80	200 00
BETHANY	5 00	4 40	5 00	24 73	5 00	5 00	37 03	37 03	7 39	51 55	15 80	200 00
SOCIETY HILL	2 75	10 00	10 00	15 00	15 00	50 00	50 00	32 55	3 55	4 00	13 00	7 50
VICTORY	10 00	36 10	13 00	15 00	15 00	50 00	50 00	32 55	13 00	26 00	30 30	800 00
WHITE SAND	10 00	800 00

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CHURCHES	Membership			
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	Dismissed by Letter			
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PASTORS AND POST OFFICE	No. Baptized			
J. O. BUCKLEY	Prentiss	W. S. BOYANTON	Prentiss	10 15
A. A. BRYANT	Sanford	J. P. WARREN	Bassfield	5 2
SOCIETY HILL		G. M. BUCKLEY	Hathorn	16 2
J. O. BUCKLEY	Prentiss	S. C. STAMPS	Prentiss	28 2
BETHANY	J. O. BUCKLEY	O. THOMPSON	Bassfield	4 6
BASSFIELD	Prentiss	N. T. NICHOLS	Carson	11 13
CARSON	J. L. LOWE	B. THOMPSON	Columbia	5 7
EBENEZER	J. L. LOWE	E. H. WALKER	Newhebron	6 3
HEBRON	J. L. LOWE	J. L. SPEIGHTS	Oakvale	18 2
HEPBURN	J. A. EDMONDS	H. D. BOOTHE	M. Olive	11 4
PHALTI	J. W. WEATHERSBY	J. E. MIKELL	Silver Creek	1 1
OAK GROVE	J. E. BARNETT	EARL TONEY	Newhebron	15 8
ANTIOCH	R. DRUMMOND	W. W. LEE JR.	Prentiss	1 2
PRENTISS	R. W. BRYANT			4 5
	J. E. BARRETT			12 5
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Resolutions.

Resolved that the Treasurer of this Association be authorized to pay over to J. W. Burrow the amount necessary to defray the expenses of this Association, and that he be authorized to forward any other amount of money in his possession to J. B. Lawrence, Secretary State Board.

On motion, resolved that the Clerk of this Association be authorized to have the associational minutes printed and distributed, and that he be allowed for his services the sum of Twenty dollars, and that he draw on the Treasurer for the whole amount.

On motion, resolved that the thanks of this Association be, and the same are hereby tendered to the members of this church and to the good people of this community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Phalti Baptist Church, 12 miles Northeast of Prentiss, on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1915, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Yesterday and today's journal read and corrected.

Closing prayer by Rev. R. Drummond. ♫

A. H. DALE, Moderator.

J. W. BURROW, Clerk.

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